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APPENDAGE CLOSURE

NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir:

Status as a small entity was established in good faith and small entity fees were paid in good faith. However, it has recently been discovered that small entity status was incorrect, and the several prosecution fees were mistakenly paid as a small entity in good faith. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28, Applicant respectfully submits herewith an itemized listing of the payment made and a fee for the deficiency. Applicant respectfully requests that the Office excuse this error.

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FEE PAID	DATE	FOR .	CURRENT FEE FOR NON- SMALL ENTITY	DEFICIENCY
\$200.00	June 21, 2006	Excess Claims Fee	\$440.00	\$240.00
\$200.00	December 11, 2006	Excess Claims Fee	\$440.00	\$240.00
\$50.00	December 11, 2006	Excess Claims Fee	\$104.00	\$54.00
\$395.00	December 11, 2006	RCE Fee	\$810.00	\$415.00
\$700.00	March 22, 2007	Issue Fee	\$1510.00	\$810.00
		Total Fees Due:	·	\$1759.00

Enclosed herewith is a credit card payment form in the amount of \$1759.00 for payment of deficient fees. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1513.

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